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RE: Historic Property Survey Report (*HPSR*)  
Removal of Bridge 21-75 (Imola Avenue at Napa River) and Replacement with a  
New Bridge, City of Napa, Napa County

Dear \*\*\*\*\*,

Transmitted herewith for review is one *Historic Property Survey Report* (Negative) (*HPSR*) with attachments for the proposed replacement of the existing two-lane Maxwell Bridge (Bridge Number 21-75; constructed 1949) on Imola Avenue over the Napa River in the southern part of the City of Napa, Napa County. The anticipated work includes the removal of Bridge 21-75, a Category 5 bridge, and replacement with a new bridge just north of the existing bridge. The *HPSR* and attachments summarize the research and findings of the cultural resources studies undertaken to satisfy the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (36 CFR ù 800) for implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended (16 U.S.C. ù 470). Section 106 studies provide the information necessary to satisfy the legal requirements for environmental documents or categorical exclusions under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. ù ù 4321-4347).

The *Area of Potential Effects* (APE) includes the Area of Direct Impact (ADI) and APE for historic and archaeological resources. The APE extends from 30.5 meters (100 feet) west of the intersection of South Coombs Street across the Napa River to 146 meters (480 feet) east of the Napa Valley Wine Train railroad tracks located west of Gasser Street. The APE varies from 30.5 to 79 meters (100 to 260 feet) in width (USGS Napa, Calif.[ornia] 1980 topographic map, 7.5' series; T 5N R 4W, Unsectioned). The APE was reviewed and approved by the FHWA on March 22, 1999.

## **RESEARCH AND FIELD INVENTORY RESULTS**

### **Archaeological**

There are no recorded prehistoric resources or significant local, state or federal historic properties, landmarks, etc. within or adjacent to the APE (California Historical Resources Information System, Northwest Information Center (CHRIS/NWIC), California State University Sonoma, Rohnert Park, File No. 99-155). Six recorded resources: one isolate (P-28-000761), two prehistoric sites (CA-Nap-270, Nap-911/P-28-000810), two historic features (P-28-000993 and 000994) and one combined prehistoric and historic site (CA-Nap-934/H/P28-000992) are present within a quarter mile to a half mile. Within a half to one mile, there are four recorded prehistoric sites (CA-Nap-39, Nap-125, Nap-130, and Nap-228) and one recorded historic site (CA-Nap-915H/P-28-000820). Six cultural resources compliance reports on file at the CHRIS/NWIC include or are adjacent to the APE and report negative results for either the APE or immediately adjacent property.

The archaeological sensitivity map of the City of Napa on file with the City of Napa Planning Department places the APE within an area of "high archaeological sensitivity" for which an archaeological evaluation is recommended (i.e., literature search and surface examination).

No significant Hispanic or American Period resources have been identified in the APE.

No surface indicators of either prehistoric or historic cultural materials were observed during the archaeological inventory.

### **Native American**

No traditional cultural places appear to be present within or adjacent to the APEs. Four locally knowledgeable Native Americans were recommended by the Native American Heritage Commission and contacted with respect to areas of traditional importance. No responses were received.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **Archaeological Resources**

No additional archival research or archaeological testing is recommended since the APE is negative for surface indications of subsurface cultural resources.

Archival research, the presence of previous construction impacts associated with prior bridge and road construction as well as the completion of the immediately adjacent sewage treatment plant and the local topography (i.e., wetlands, floodplain) suggest a minimal potential for either significant subsurface prehistoric or historic archaeological materials within or immediately adjacent to the APE. A subsurface testing program for the shopping center to the immediate east of the Sewage Disposal facility and north of Imola between the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks (Napa Valley Wine Train tracks) and Suscol Avenue exposed no cultural materials in units adjacent to or near the APE. In addition, sites near the project area and especially along the east bank of the Napa River

generally consist of villages near creeks and are often located at the base of hills and on knolls at elevations of 5.5-6 meters (18-20 feet). The APE does not appear to meet known parameters for prehistoric site location. No further archaeological work should be necessary unless project plans change to include unsurveyed areas.

It is Caltrans policy to avoid cultural resources whenever possible. If significant buried cultural materials are encountered during construction, it is Caltrans policy that work in that area must halt until a qualified archaeologist can evaluate the nature and significance of the find (*Environmental Handbook*, Vol. 2, Chapter 1).

### **Native American**

No traditional cultural places appear to be present within or adjacent to the APE.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

No additional archival research or archaeological testing is recommended. No further archaeological research/inventory should be necessary unless project plans change to include unsurveyed areas.

If you have questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact either Ms. Erin Banks in our office or our consultant, Basin Research Associates (510 430-8441).

Sincerely,  
DESIGN, COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

David Early, Principal

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Enclosures - HPSR & Attachments (3 copies)